Union List in the Constitution of India, in so far as this system is a value added telecom-service falling under Centre's domain; if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The States of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have intimated that they propose to launch on-line lottery system. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has also stated that there is no proposal to replace the conventional paper lottery.

(b) The Central Government has not yet laid down any guidelines for on-line lotteries. However, as and when the State Governments start such lotteries, they shall have to take all necessary clearances from competent authorities as stipulated by law. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that on-line lotteries will be operated as per the Supreme Court's guidelines laid down in their order dated 21.7.1994 in the case of State of Haryana Vs. M/s Suman Enterprises and Others. The Government of Punjab has reported that the entire operation/work pertaining to all types of lotteries, including on-line lotteries, is being done in accordance with the Constitutional provisions and that the lottery schemes conform to all the minimal characteristics of a lottery as envisaged and prescribed by the Supreme Court of India in the case of State of Haryana Vs. M/s Suman Enterprises and Others.

Crime against women

2678. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether these was a sudden upsurge in crime against women in 1994 with 98,948 reported cases of rape, kidnapping and abduction, against 83,954 such cases in 1993, and 79,037 in 1992; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to curb the menace and how far the same were successful bringing down such cases in 1995 and 1996 indicating the State/Territory-wise position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information in regard to Crime Against Women for the period 1992 to 1996 is enclosed in the statement (*see* below).

In 1994, at All-India level, 98,948 cases were registered under 'Crime Against Women' (wherein women alone are the victims) compared to 83,954 cases in 1993 and 79,037 cases in 1992. In absolute numbers, the figures indicate a sudden upsurge of 17.9 per cent in 1994 over 1993.

It may be clarified that the incidents of crime under four heads, which were not taken into consideration earlier, have been documented for the year 1994. The cases registered under the Sati Prevention Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act and Importing of Girls (upto 21 years of age) have been brought within the ambit of the crime data collection. Incidents reported under these heads from 1994 alone added a share of 8.2 per cent of the total cases recorded under Crime Against Women. In the absence of data for these heads in the earlier years, no comparison is possible, nor any analysis could be attempted for such crimes with previous years.

Statement

Incidence of Crimes against Women during the Years 1992 to 1996

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs.	Crime against Women					Remarks
		1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	Fig. for 1996 are upto the month of
STATES							
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6412	8335	10319	9818	8227	November
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	91	59	85	81	55	September
3.	Assam	1520	1491	1545	1786	823	June
4.	Bihar	1946	1896	2773	3111	NA	
5.	Goa	93	93	79	147	71	
6.	Gujarat	4258	3431	3775	4226	3998	November
7.	Haryana	1612	1640	1779	1993	1851	September
8.	Himachal Pradesh	609	729	737	758	816	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	939	907	901	812	642	August
10.	Karnataka	2540	3002	5282	5761	4922	December
11.	Kerala	1146	1191	1609	2831	2493	November
12.	Madhya Pradesh	12424	11378	13509	14883	14740	November
13.	Maharashtra	11951	13913	13568	15378	15815	
14.	Manipur	160	107	86	97	92	
15.	Meghalaya	44	43	58	44	2	February
16.	Mizoram	87	78	78	188	68	
17.	Nagaland	2	1	6	14	5	
18.	Orissa	1818	2131	2213	2722	1768	July
19.	Punjab	314	400	520	593	465	July
20.	Rajasthan	7093	7160	7462	9882	9169	October
21.	Sikkim	29	28	43	49	61	November
22.	Tamil Nadu	2383	2471	8011	7818	7980	November
23.	Tripura	284	266	240	255	315	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	12873	14048	15914	15411	14699	November
25.	West Bengal	3844	4978	5984	6384	4988	September
	TOTAL (STATES)	74472	79776	96576	102966	93585	
	UNION TERRITORIES						
26.	A & N Islands	28	57	35	24	23	
27.	Chandigarh	82	82	124	78	91	
28.	D & N Haveli	11	10	15	15	17	
29.	Daman & Diu	4	6	0	1	NA	
30.	Delhi	3682	3482	1780	2288	2719	
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	October
32.	Pondicherry	760	541	418	52	45	
	TOTAL (UTs)	4565	4178	2372	2458	2895	
	TOTAL ALL INDIA	79037	83954	98948	105416	96480	